

# MISSOURI CAPITOL POLICE

# ADVISOR

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January 2009

## Shop with a Cop 2008

This year Capitol Police reached out to the Jefferson City Public Schools and found three children to sponsor for the 2008 Shop with a Cop program. On Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, the kids got to go to Kmart and "Shop with a Cop" as did many other children. Other agencies involved were the: Cole County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson City Police Department, Holts Summit Police Department, Missouri Department of Corrections, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

## Suspicious Letter

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, a state office received a letter in a white business envelope. When the letter carrier opened the envelope a white, powdery substance came out of the envelope. The carrier called Capitol Police and we responded along with the Cole County HAZMAT Team. The powder was tested and found to be safe.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website](http://www.cdc.gov), a suspicious package can have several characteristics such as:

### Inappropriate or unusual labeling:

Excessive postage; handwritten or poorly typed addresses; misspellings of common words; strange return address or no return address; incorrect titles or titles without a name; not addressed to a specific person; marked with restrictions, such as "personal," "confidential," or "do not x-ray," marked with any threatening language; postmarked from a city or state that does not match the return address

### Appearance:

Powdery substance felt through or appearing on the package or envelope; oily stains, discolorations, or odors; lopsided or uneven envelope; excessive packaging material such as masking tape, string, etc

### Other Suspicious Signs:

Excessive weight; Ticking; protruding wires or aluminum foil

### If you ever receive a package that looks suspicious:

Do not shake or empty the contents; do not carry the package, show it to others, or allow others to examine it; put the package down on a stable surface; do not sniff, touch, taste or look closely at it or at any contents which may have spilled; alert others in the area about the package; leave the area, close any doors, take action to prevent others from entering the area, and shut off the ventilation system if possible; notify Capitol Police and a supervisor; wash hands with soap and water to prevent spreading potentially infectious material to face or skin; create a list of people who were in the room or area when this suspicious package was recognized and a list of people who may have handled it – provide these lists to the police and/or public health officials when they arrive; remain on scene for any decontamination and/or interviews that may be necessary

## Vandalism

Capitol Police has recently taken multiple reports from people who have had their vehicle windows broken out with rocks. These are occurring overnight and on weekends when employees leave their personal vehicles at work. If you must leave your vehicle at work, try to park in a well lit area and remove any valuable items. If your vehicle does get damaged on State property, report it to Capitol Police immediately.

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FEBRUARY 2009

## Gubernatorial Inauguration 2009

On January 12, 2009, Governor Jeremiah W. "Jay" Nixon was sworn in as Missouri's 55<sup>th</sup> Governor. The Missouri Capitol Police would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with the security planning and implementation covering the events. Capitol Police would also like to recognize the many agencies that helped make this day a success: Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri State Water Patrol, Missouri State Fire Marshall's Office, Missouri State Park Rangers, Jefferson City Police Department, Cole County Sheriff's Department, the Army National Guard, and the Office of Administration, Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction.

## Hit and Run

On January 16, 2009, a hit and run accident occurred at the Department of Mental Health Parking Lot. A black Ford Explorer Sports Trac was struck in the tailgate. If you have any information, please contact Capitol Police at 522-2222. If you would like to leave an anonymous tip, you can call our tip line (573-634-3691) and leave a message after the recording.

## Suspicious Person

On January 9, 2009, Capitol Police responded to a call of a suspicious male hiding some bushes near the old Missouri State Penitentiary site. Upon arrival, officers first observed a male subject with a rifle. Further investigation found that the subject was a juvenile with an air rifle playing in the woods. The subject was escorted back to his residence and turned over to his parents.

## Public Notice

Missouri Capitol Police is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards. The on-site assessment will be held in mid-March.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community and representatives of other agencies are invited to phone in comments to the assessor. The dates and timeframe for this phone session will be posted in our March Advisor. A Media Release will also be available on our website sometime during late February 2009 and will contain more detailed information.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about Missouri Capitol Police's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215 or [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

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MARCH 2009

## Vandalism

Recently there have been several incidents where vehicle windows have been broken out, both on and off State property.

### Tips to prevent vehicle break-ins:

- park in an open, well-lit, populated area;
- roll up all windows, close the sunroof, and lock all doors;
- make sure the trunk is secure;
- activate any security devices when leaving your car unattended;
- don't leave spare keys in your vehicle - *store them in your wallet or purse*;
- remove valuable items from the vehicle, if possible – *at a minimum, make sure they are hidden well out of sight*;
- if parking overnight, or leaving your car for an extended time, try to park in a busy, well-lit area;
- If you see anything unusual or suspicious, report it to the police immediately.

## Capitol Police Explosives Team Deployed

On Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, the explosives team of Sergeant Brian Quick and K-9 Durango were sent to Hermann Middle School to perform sweeps of the building after the school received a bomb threat. The building was searched with negative results.

## Public Notice Update

As mentioned in the February Advisor, Missouri Capitol Police is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards. The on-site assessment dates were changed and will now be from April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community and representatives of other agencies are invited to phone in comments to the assessor. The dates and timeframe for this phone session will be posted in our April Advisor. A Media Release will also be available on our website starting Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and will contain more detailed information.

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APRIL 2013

## Building Stewards

In order to maximize responsive to the needs of state employees, Capitol Police has officers assigned as building stewards to all larger state buildings in the Capitol Complex. The stewards meet with building safety coordinators and discuss particular safety issues that may affect each building. If you would like to contact your building's steward, contact our Communications Center at (573) 522-2222, and the officer assigned to your building will contact you. For situations that require an immediate response, please call (573) 522-2222 and report the situation to a communications operator.

## New Officer

Capitol Police welcomes James Corrigan to the department. Officer Corrigan will be assigned to Team 3, which covers the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift.

## Lost and Found

Each week, several items are turned into the Capitol Police Lost and Found. If you have lost an item recently, stop by the MCP communications window on the first floor of the Truman Building (next to the escalators) between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you can't stop by, call (573) 522-2222 for assistance.

## Spotlight:

## National Distracted Driving Awareness Month



Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways. In 2011, the most recent year for which figures are available, 3,331 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver.

Types of distractions include:

- Texting: Because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.
- Using cell phone or smart phone.
- Eating and drinking.
- Talking to passengers.
- Grooming.
- Reading, including maps.
- Using navigation system.
- Watching video.
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player.

Please visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) website for more information at [www.distracted.gov](http://www.distracted.gov)

[Missouri Revised Statute 304.820](#) was enacted in August of 2012. It bans text messaging while operating a motor vehicle, for persons 21 years of age and younger.



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MAY 2009

## Numerous Wallet Thefts from State Buildings

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>, several wallets were stolen from various state office buildings in the downtown area. In three instances, the wallets were found in nearby trashcans with the money and/or credit/debit cards missing. The same individual is suspected of all five thefts and is described as a dark-complected black male, approximately 6' tall and 240 lbs, and close-cut hair. The subject was last seen wearing thin wire-framed glasses, a white hooded sweatshirt with "South Pole" written across the front, dark colored pants, black tennis shoes with white soles, and carrying a black backpack. Anyone having any information is urged to contact Capitol Police at 522-2222. If you prefer, a message may be left on our anonymous tip line at 634-3691.

## Laptop Thefts

DNR reported a laptop went missing sometime between 4PM on March 27<sup>th</sup>, and 8AM on March 30<sup>th</sup> from the Lewis and Clark Building. DOLIR reported that on March 31<sup>st</sup>, between 11:18PM and 12:48AM (April 1<sup>st</sup>) four laptops were stolen from the Employment Security/DOLIR Building. Anyone having any information regarding these thefts is asked to contact Capitol Police at 522-2222 or leave a message on our anonymous tip line 634-3691.

## Law Enforcement Memorial

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the annual Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial will begin with a candlelight vigil. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the memorial service will be held. Both events are scheduled to take place on the north side of the Capitol at the Law Enforcement Memorial. The memorial is dedicated to all the law enforcement heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice of giving their life to protect and serve the citizens of Missouri, to the family members of our law enforcement heroes for their loss of a loved one, and to all members of the Missouri Law Enforcement profession of the past, present, and the future who are dedicated to serving and protecting the great State of Missouri. For more information, you may visit the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial website at <http://www.missourimemorial.com/>.

## CALEA

Many thanks to those individuals and agencies who responded to the assessors requests for information. By all indications our on-site inspection was successful. Our accreditation recognition announcement will be forthcoming later this year.

## Crime Prevention Spotlight:

### IDENTITY THEFT



Identity theft is something that anyone can become a victim of. To protect ourselves from being exploited by these criminals, it is important that we as consumers are aware of what information is/isn't appropriate to give out and to whom. The United States Department of Justice has an excellent website detailing identity theft and fraud, ways to help prevent it from happening to you, and steps to take if you do become a victim. To view their information, follow the link, or enter the following website into your browser:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html>.

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JUNE 2009

## Subject Arrested at Capitol

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Capitol Police responded to the Broadway Building after receiving a complaint that a man was bothering state employees who were outside on break. Upon arrival, the subject was spotted on the Capitol grounds. When an officer reached the man, he was yelling irrationally and causing a scene. As the officer tried to question him, the subject fled on foot and entered the Capitol. The man was detained by the officer after two Capitol tour guides attempted to stop him, one of whom was allegedly assaulted in the process. The subject was arrested and faces charges of assault and resisting arrest.

## Capitol is Quiet During Execution

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Missouri held its first execution since October 2005. While demonstrations were held in Jefferson City and elsewhere around the state, all remained peaceful and Dennis Skillicorn was executed via lethal injection at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic & Correctional Center in Bonne Terre at 12:23 AM.

## Capitol Blackout

A snake was responsible for a power outage on May 12<sup>th</sup> that affected the Capitol, Governor's Mansion and other downtown buildings. The black snake crawled into an underground area near the Amtrak Station that contains AmerenUE electrical cables and crossed over two cables, shorting them out. Many school groups and other Capitol visitors found themselves in darkened hallways and several people were temporarily stranded in elevators. Fortunately, those stuck in the elevators were freed within 20 minutes and no injuries were reported.

## Salute to America 2009

This year's celebration will be held the evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and all day July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Capitol will be open during its normal business hours (7am – 5:30pm Friday, 8am – 5pm Saturday). For information regarding this year's activities go to: <http://www.salutetoamerica.org/>. For information on restrictions regarding public use of state facilities go to: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/1csr/1c35-1.pdf>.



## Crime Prevention Spotlight: PREVENTING OFFICE CRIME

There are many common sense ways to reduce crime in the workplace. Here are a few suggestions:

- Keep your purse, wallet, keys, and other valuable items with you at all times or locked in a secure drawer or cabinet.
- Do not allow visitors to be alone in your office – be sure to provide an escort at all times. Check the identity of any strangers who are in your office – ask whom they are visiting and if you can help them find that person.
- Check the locks on doors and windows. Don't assume someone else has reported a problem – report broken or damaged locks immediately.
- Reception areas – If the receptionist's desk is equipped with a duress alarm, make sure it's tested regularly. If your reception area has no duress alarm, this may be something to discuss with upper-level management.
- Try to avoid working after-hours. If unavoidable, let someone know where you are and how late you'll be working. Never let strangers into the building or office.

For more tips on preventing office crime, go to: <http://www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/workplace-safety/safewrk.pdf>.

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JULY 2009

## Another Wallet Stolen...

On June 4, Capitol Police officers investigated the theft of a wallet from the Jefferson building. The wallet was recovered by our officers in a trashcan in a men's restroom on another floor. This was very similar to other wallet thefts in April. In this incident, a woman returning to her office noticed a man in a white t-shirt that she'd never seen in the building before. He was leaving via the stairwell. Upon returning to her desk the victim noticed her wallet was missing. In both cases the thief struck between about 10 a.m. and noon. The thief or thieves may be visiting several floors to search for unoccupied work areas with easy access to purses or wallets. In one of the cases the victim was away from the work area for less than 10 minutes. Anyone with information that might help identify a suspect is urged to contact Capitol Police at 522-2222 or by leaving a message on our anonymous tip line at 634-3691.

If at any time you notice someone in or around your work area that you don't think belongs, try asking the person what or who they are looking for, or how you can help them. If you aren't comfortable doing this, ask another employee or supervisor to do so. If no one is comfortable approaching the person, or the person reacts suspiciously, call Capitol Police (or your local law enforcement agency) to check on the subject.

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Helpful links:

- For information regarding this year's activities go to: <http://www.salutetoamerica.org/>
- For information on restrictions on public use of state facilities go to: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/1csr/1c35-1.pdf>
- For a [map of road closures and parking](#), click on this hyperlink.
- For a more detailed [list of parking areas](#), click on this hyperlink.



## Spotlight Topic: Harassing Communication

Harassment is something no one should have to deal with at work or at home. Today, laws protecting individuals from harassment are ever-expanding. Below are *some* of the ways you can be victimized by harassment. If you are dealing with one of the examples below, or a similar situation, promptly notify the appropriate law enforcement agency so they may investigate and take the appropriate action.

- If someone threatens to commit a felony, and in doing so frightens, intimidates or causes you emotional distress; or
- If someone uses coarse and offensive language, and in doing so puts you in fear of unwanted physical contact or harm; or
- If someone makes an anonymous telephone call or any electronic communication, and in doing so frightens, intimidates or causes you emotional distress; or
- If someone knowingly makes repeated unwanted communication with you.

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AUGUST 2009

## Salute to America 2009

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was a safe and successful event once again. Missouri Capitol Police did respond to several calls and all were handled without incident. Officers responded to a medical emergency and several reports of missing children and minor disturbances. Assistance was provided in each case and all children were quickly reunited with their families.

## Security Alarms

Capitol Police received more than 100 door alarms during the month of July. Employees are urged to use only proper building entrances and exits and to follow established protocol when using an alarmed door or propping an alarmed door open. Officers respond to all alarms because we consider this critical to maintaining a safe work environment. Please understand that responding officers treat these alarms as security threats until establishing there is no danger. Please remember the alarm system is meant to help keep state employees and the public safe as we conduct state business.

## Lost and Found

The Capitol Police Department maintains the state's "lost and found" for the Jefferson City area. If you've lost something, please stop by our office, Room 101 of the Truman Building, or give us a call at 751-2541.

## Trespass Arrest

On July 23, a man was found sleeping in his vehicle on state property. After checking Capitol Police records, it was determined that the same individual had been found sleeping in his car and asked to leave state property on several previous occasions. The man was encouraged to leave voluntarily, but after refusing several times he was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> degree trespass.

## Spotlight Topic: Domestic Violence



"Abuse is a pattern of coercive control that one person exercises over another. Battering is a behavior that physically harms, arouses fear, prevents a partner from doing what they wish or forces them to behave in ways they do not want. Battering includes the use of physical and sexual violence, threats and intimidation, emotional abuse and economic deprivation. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together, or who are dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. If you think you might be in an abusive relationship please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) or your local domestic violence center to talk with someone about it." *From the National Domestic Violence Hotline website ([www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)).*

**If you or someone you know are ever in immediate danger of domestic violence call 911 immediately.**

Pamphlets from the Missouri Attorney General's Office on "Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence" are available in our office for anyone wanting more information regarding protection in Missouri. The pamphlet may also be viewed online at: <http://ago.mo.gov/publications/domesticviolence.pdf>. As always, Capitol Police would be glad to speak to anyone having questions or concerns regarding this or any other law enforcement-related issue.



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SEPTEMBER 2009

## Former Governor Warren E. Hearnes Honored at Capitol

Former Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes laid in state in the Missouri Capitol rotunda on Wednesday, August 19, after passing away at his home in Charleston, Missouri Sunday night. Hearnes was the first Missouri governor elected to consecutive terms and served from 1965 to 1973. Visitation was held in the morning and a memorial that afternoon with Governor Nixon delivering the eulogy. Upon leaving the Capitol for his final resting place, Hearnes' funeral procession circled the Capitol and was honored with a flyover by National Guard helicopters and a 19-gun salute from Guard field artillery.

## Canine Unit Assists

On August 26, Sergeant Brian Quick and canine Durango were requested to assist the Cole County Sheriff's Department with precautionary sweeps and security for the Governor's Faith-Based Organization Disaster Initiative preparedness conference that was held in Jefferson City. Durango, who is trained in explosives detection, did not uncover anything suspicious at the event, which was attended by almost 300 people.

## Tour of Missouri

On Thursday, September 10, Jefferson City will host the Tour of Missouri – 2009 bicycle race by serving as the Stage 4 finish line. Cyclists will begin Stage 4 in St. James and are expected to start arriving in Jefferson City around 5:30 PM. There will be road closures for the event so drivers should be prepared for detours and delays. For more information about the race visit the Tour of Missouri website at:

<http://www.tourofmissouri.com/>.

## Spotlight: Suspicious Mail and Packages



Because the mail center is a first line of defense for your agency, you should examine every piece of mail for suspicious characteristics before you do anything with it. Some suspicious characteristics are:

- \* Excessive postage, no postage or non-cancelled postage
- \* No return address or obvious fictitious return address
- \* Improper spelling of addressee name, title, or location
- \* Unexpected mail from foreign countries
- \* Suspicious or threatening messages written on packages
- \* Postmark showing a different location than the return address
- \* Distorted handwriting or cut and paste lettering
- \* Rigid, uneven, irregular or lopsided packages or packages with soft spots, bulges or excessive weight
- \* Packages that are discolored, oily or that have an unusual odor
- \* Packages that have any powdery substance on the outside
- \* Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- \* Unprofessionally wrapped packages or packages with excessive use of tape, string, etc

If you receive a package that appears suspicious, contact Capitol Police (or your local law enforcement agency) for investigation. Capitol Police has equipment available for officers to open packages or envelopes while sealed in a contained environment. In addition, Capitol Police has two K-9 units capable of detecting explosive materials.

Visit our home page at [WWW.MCP.DPS.MO.GOV](http://WWW.MCP.DPS.MO.GOV) for safety tips and more

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OCTOBER 2009

## Take Part in Missouri Capitol Police's Customer Satisfaction Survey

Last year we received 720 responses to our annual survey. Since there are about 18,000 state employees in Cole County, we hope to see a dramatic increase this year. Everyone is invited to participate and encouraged to be completely candid in your responses. Also, indicate areas that you feel Capitol Police should improve. You may remain anonymous, although some information is required to assist us in identifying locations in need of improvement. To make the process as simple as possible, we've put it all online. Please take a few minutes right now and complete our annual survey at:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uOjYce3wk6FPksx2WPSd2Q\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uOjYce3wk6FPksx2WPSd2Q_3d_3d). For reporting accuracy please submit only one survey.

## Tour of Missouri

The Tour of Missouri has whisked through the Show-Me State. Stage Four of the bike race ended in Jefferson City on September 10, with no incidents reported. Good communication between state and local agencies involved helped things run very smoothly. Capitol Police would like to thank everyone involved who helped make it a safe and successful event at the Capitol.

## Spotlight: Protecting yourself while walking to and from your vehicle



- \* Avoid walking alone; walk with a co-worker whenever possible. Capitol Police will provide escorts to your vehicle whenever possible.
- \* Always walk in well-lighted areas.
- \* Avoid using short cuts or routes that take you away from other people.
- \* Keep away from large bushes or structures where someone could be lurking.
- \* If someone in a vehicle stops and asks for directions, answer from a distance. Do not approach the vehicle.
- \* If followed, go immediately to an area with lights and people. If necessary, turn around and walk in the opposite direction, your follower will also have to reverse directions.
- \* Do not display cash or valuables.
- \* Wear tennis shoes or flat soled shoes until you reach your office or vehicle.
- \* Approach your vehicle with your car keys already in your hand.
- \* Look around your vehicle for any suspicious activity. If you see someone loitering around your vehicle, walk past until they leave.
- \* Do a quick scan of your vehicle's interior before unlocking the door. Be sure to look in the back seat area.
- \* Keep your vehicle doors locked and your windows closed.
- \* Be suspicious of anyone approaching your vehicle.
- \* Contact Capitol Police about any suspicious activity at 522-2222 or #MCP (#627) on your cell phone.

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November 2009

## Pedestrian Safety: Use Crosswalks

A safety reminder to state workers: crosswalks should be used whenever possible. This is even more important at this time of the year since there's less daylight. Crossing the street outside designated crosswalks can create traffic hazards for both pedestrians and drivers. Additionally, drivers should remember vehicles must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Capitol Police and Jefferson City Police both monitor crosswalks in the Capitol Complex.

## Capitol Police Make Arrests In Property Damage Case

On the morning of October 20<sup>th</sup>, a Capitol Police Officer observed two male subjects near a state vehicle in State Lot #19. The subjects ran from the lot when they spotted the officer. After a short foot pursuit, the subjects were detained and questioned. Officers performed a search of the lot and found damage to one state vehicle. The individuals were then arrested for property damage.

## Thefts

Between October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>, two computers were stolen from the Highway and Transportation Garage, located at 601 W. Main Street. The stolen computers are a Dell D620 Laptop and a Dell 760 Desktop. If you have any information pertaining to this theft, please contact Capitol Police at (573) 522-2222. You may also make an anonymous tip to our tip line at (573) 634-3691.

## Customer Satisfaction Survey

Capitol Police would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2009 Customer Satisfaction Survey. This survey is used to obtain opinions concerning our competence, performance and service. The results have been compiled and will be used to guide us in better serving all state employees, state agencies and visitors to the Capitol Complex.

## Welcome Aboard

Capitol Police welcome new officers Kevin Virgin and Aaron Bishop. Both Kevin and Aaron were formerly police officers in the Lake of the Ozarks area. They will be learning the duties of a Capitol Police officer through the Field Training Program over the next eight weeks. Congratulations to these two new officers.

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DECEMBER 2009

## Missouri Capitol Police Achieve Accreditation Recognition Status

On November 21, Capitol Police Chief Todd Hurt and Lt. Eric Clemons traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah to appear before a Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Review Committee. After a favorable on-site department review in April, Chief Hurt and Lt. Clemons were questioned in a committee hearing-type setting. Questions focused on department practices and standards. Following the hearing, the committee voted unanimously to award Missouri Capitol Police accreditation at the recognition level. The recognition process was the culmination of nearly three years of policy refinement and an extensive review of police practices. The accreditation period lasts for three years and will be subject to review in November, 2012. Capitol Police has set the goal of reaching full Law Enforcement Accreditation Status over the next three years.

Spotlight:	Preventing Theft	

As we enter into the holiday season, Missouri Capitol Police would like to remind everyone of a few ways to protect against theft.

### **At the Office:**

- If exchanging gifts at work, leave them at home or lock them up until the day of the exchange. Similarly, take home or lock up any gifts that you receive.
- Keep purses/wallets secure at ALL times.

### **In your Vehicle:**

- Keep packages in the trunk when possible or, at a minimum, cover them up if they must be left in the passenger compartment.
- Make sure you lock your vehicle. If you have automatic locks, make sure you listen for the "honk" to ensure no one is blocking your keyless signal.

And as always, immediately report any suspicious activity to (573) 522-2222.

## Capitol Police Resolve Office Theft Case

In early November, Capitol Police officers were able to quickly resolve a theft case in which money was taken from a purse in a state office building. A state employee called Capitol Police when she noticed money was missing from her purse. Capitol Police officers responded and, after conducting a series of interviews, recovered the money and returned it to the victim.